

Appl. No. 09/724,744
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Response to Office action dated 10/18/2006

Remarks

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's continued consideration of the present Application, and especially appreciates the Examiner's time during the in-person Examiner's Interview that was conducted by way of several telephone conversations between October 18, 2006 and December 19, 2006. In view of the present Office action date October 18, 2006 and the subsequent Examiner's Interview, the Applicant is submitting the present Amendment.

The Office action of October 18th addressed pending claims 35-36, 38-39, 41 and 44-58. Of those claims, claims 44-58 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. As for the other claims 35-36, 38-39 and 41, claims 35, 38 and 39 were objected to and each of claims 35-36, 38-39 and 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kossovsky et al. (PG-PUB 2002/0004775A1), which claimed the benefit of certain earlier-filed patent applications.

In view of the most recent Examiner's Interview, the Applicant is submitting new claims 59-78 for consideration by the Examiner, including new independent claims 59, 72 and 75. The Applicant respectfully submits that each of these claims, and particularly each of the independent claims is allowable under 102(e) over Kossovsky et al. for at least the reasons set forth below.

Allowability of Claims Under 102(e)

More particularly, Kossovsky et al. relates to the "plx" prior art addressed in the Applicant's amendment submitted on July 16, 2006. As set forth in that amendment, plx concerns an intellectual property exchange, something that the Applicant's claimed invention is intended to improve upon and possibly interact with (see, e.g., FIG. 1 of the present Application). Unlike the Applicant's claimed invention, and as best as the Applicant can ascertain, such an exchange does not buy, sell, license, or otherwise obtain any ownership/possessory interest in assets being transferred, but rather merely provides a market or forum for facilitating such transfers.

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Therefore, for at least these reasons, the Applicant submits that new claims 59-78 are in condition for allowance. The Applicant further notes that the differences between claims 59-78 and the previously pending claims have arisen primarily as a result of the Examiner's Interview and are being made to advance the prosecution of the present Application (which has been pending over six years), and are not being made for reasons substantially related to the patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) in view of Kossovsky et al. The present claims are being entered without prejudice to the Applicant's ability to claim and obtain appropriate claim coverage in relation to further aspects of the Applicant's invention in other (e.g., continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional) patent applications.

Summary of Information Disclosure Statements Submitted by Applicant in Connection With the Present Application

The Applicant wishes to remind the Examiner that, according to the Applicant's records, the Applicant has submitted a total of sixteen Information Disclosure Statements to the Patent Office since the filing of the present Application. More particularly, these Information Disclosure Statements were submitted by the Applicant on the following dates, the most of recent of which is the same date on which the present Amendment is being submitted to the Patent Office:

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| 1) 1/22/01 | 9) 6/28/03 |
| 2) 2/20/01 | 10) 10/27/03 |
| 3) 4/19/01 | 11) 3/6/04 |
| 4) 7/29/01 | 12) 5/3/05 |
| 5) 9/13/01 | 13) 5/26/06 |
| 6) 11/3/01 | 14) 9/7/06 |
| 7) 7/1/02 | 15) 10/2/06 |
| 8) 8/10/02 | 16) 12/19/06 |

For convenience, the Applicant is submitting an attachment to the present Amendment that includes each of the forms PTO/SB/08B that were submitted in connection with each of the first fifteen Information Disclosure Statements listed above,

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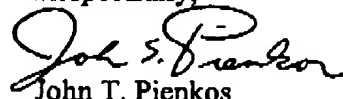
as well as submitting in addition to this Amendment the latest (sixteenth) Information Disclosure Statement. If for some reason the Examiner and/or Patent Office have not received or have misplaced the references cited in these Information Disclosure Statements such that these references have not been properly considered, the Applicant would be pleased to assist the Examiner in obtaining further copies of these references upon receiving such request from the Examiner.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and Remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present Application. The Applicant also respectfully submits that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Amendment, particularly since the total number of claims and total number of independent claims pending in the Application have not changed. Again, as discussed above, if further discussion with the Examiner would be helpful to further the prosecution of this Application, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant by way of telephone at the number listed below.

Respectfully,


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